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FUNDS FOR ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to raise funds allocated for eradication of Child Labour during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the comparative increase in the allocation from the previous plan period;

(c) whether the targets set for eradication of child labour in the country during the previous plan was achieved;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the target of eradication of child labour set for the current Plan period and the effective steps taken to achieve the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): In the Ninth Plan period the total allocation of fund for child labour schemes was Rs.249.60 crore. A proposal for an enhanced allocation for the Tenth Plan has been made. The Planning Commission has not yet indicated the total provision of funds for the above Schemes for the Tenth Plan Period.

(c) to (e): The Ministry of Labour has been implementing the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) for the rehabilitation o working children. The major objective under the Scheme is the rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work by linking them with the formal school system, after keeping them in special schools set up under the project for a maximum period of three years. An associated objective is the prevention of entry of children into work through awareness measures.

The process of monitoring the situation of mainstreaming commenced in 1998. According to the latest available information, about 1.40 lakh children have already been mainstreamed into the formal school system.